

CITY OF ALAMEDA

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Lisa Goldman
Acting City Manager

Date: April 5, 2011

Re: Authorize the Purchase of Two Marked Ford Crown Victoria Police
Vehicles through the Los Angeles County Vehicle Bid Contract at a Cost
Not to Exceed \$50,000

BACKGROUND

The Public Works Department is responsible for the Managed Vehicle and Equipment (fleet) Replacement Program. On May 2, 2006, the City Council adopted Resolution 13951 establishing guiding principles for the management of the City's fleet vehicles and equipment. The replacement program is based on the City's fleet replacement criteria, which consider the useful life of vehicles and equipment in terms of age, mileage (or hours), and usage. Vehicles and equipment scheduled for replacement are also reviewed and analyzed for safety history and operating performance to determine if it is appropriate to replace a vehicle or piece of equipment at a later date. In addition, vehicles and equipment are reviewed to determine if the minimum use guidelines have been met. Although the Police Department's FY10-11 budget did not include the replacement of two marked police vehicles, more than ten vehicles in the patrol fleet currently meet or exceed the guidelines for replacement. There are sufficient funds in the department's 09-10 State COPS Grant to cover the purchase of two vehicles.

DISCUSSION

In FY07-08, the City Council authorized the purchase of three Dodge Charger marked police vehicles. This particular make and model was a departure from the traditional Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor, which had been the Police Department's marked police vehicle of choice for nearly two decades. The Dodge Charger was selected to replace the Crown Victoria with the belief that it would reduce fuel consumption and lower emissions.

The actual experience with the Dodge Charger model has not been completely satisfactory, as incidents of maintenance and repair have occurred with greater frequency when compared to the Ford Crown Victoria. Additionally, there are issues associated with emergency equipment installation and functionality that are not present with the Ford. Lastly, there are visibility and ergonomic drawbacks inherent with the

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Dodge Charger's design, making it less desirable for the employee to drive on a daily basis. It is for these reasons that the Police Department elected to return to the Ford Crown Victoria for its marked patrol fleet; four Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles were purchased in FY09-10.

The Police Department has identified a vendor in Southern California which has vehicles in stock ready for immediate delivery. This vendor has been awarded the Los Angeles County Vehicle Purchase Contract, thereby negating the necessity to go through a formal bidding process as required.

The replaced vehicles will be taken out of the fleet inventory and sold at auction. The revenues raised will be returned to the fleet replacement fund in accordance with Resolution No. 13951.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost for the two vehicles, \$48,614.80, was not included in the FY10-11 managed vehicle replacement program fund; however, there are sufficient funds in the 09-10 State COPS Grant (Fund 218.10) to cover the purchase. Whenever possible, existing safety equipment will be recycled.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the purchase of two marked Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles through the Los Angeles County Vehicle Bid Contract at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael C. Noonan
Interim Chief of Police

Approved as to funds and account,



Fred Marsh
Controller

Exhibits:

1. Wondries Fleet Group Quote
2. Los Angeles County Sheriff Purchase Order – on file with the City Clerk's Office



FLEET GROUP

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March 16, 2011

Lt. David Boersma
Alameda Police Department
1555 Oak St
Alameda, CA 94501-2931
Delivery Via Email

Dear Lt. Boersma,

In response to your inquiry, we are pleased to submit the following for your consideration:

Wondries Fleet Group will sell, service and deliver at Alameda, new/unused 2011 Crown Victoria Police Interceptor sedans responding to your requirement with the attached specifications for:

Vehicle	\$ 22,140.00
State Sales Tax	\$ 2,158.65
Tire tax (non-taxable)	\$ 8.75
Total	\$ 24,307.40 each

These vehicles are available under the Los Angeles County PO# DPO-SH-11321410-1.

Delivery is 4 days A.R.O. Stock units are currently available. Final availability is subject to prior sale. Terms are net 20 days.

Wondries Fleet Group has served Southern California Law Enforcement since 1949. We welcome the opportunity to assist you in your vehicle requirements.

John Oviyach
Wondries Fleet Group

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